

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the end
2 of the war in Vietnam, and this occasion provides a fitting
3 opportunity to honor the members of the Texas House of
4 Representatives who served their country in the U.S. armed forces
5 during that conflict; and

6 WHEREAS, American military involvement in Vietnam began in
7 the 1950s, amid growing fears of Communist expansionism; following
8 the division of Vietnam in 1954, U.S. military aid to South Vietnam
9 increased significantly, and in 1965, the first American ground
10 troops landed in that country; more than 2.5 million members of the
11 U.S. military served in Vietnam before the last American combat
12 troops were withdrawn in March 1973; in April 1975, the final
13 remaining U.S. troops, whose mission had been to guard
14 U.S. installations, were evacuated; and

15 WHEREAS, Among those who completed tours of duty in country
16 during the Vietnam War were State Representatives Wayne Smith, Joe
17 Farias, Dan Flynn, and Bill Zedler, and among those who served in
18 the military during the Vietnam era were State Representatives
19 Jimmie Don Aycock, Charles "Doc" Anderson, Rick Miller, John Raney,
20 and Paul Workman; and

21 WHEREAS, The ranks of those killed or classified as missing
22 in action in the Vietnam War included 3,417 Texans; although there
23 is no precise tally of the total number of native Texans who served
24 in the conflict, an estimated 500,000 current Texas residents are

1 Vietnam veterans; in honor of all Texans who served and died in the
2 Vietnam War, the 79th Texas Legislature passed a resolution
3 cosponsored by Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa and Representative
4 Wayne Smith, themselves Vietnam veterans, that authorized the
5 placement of a monument on the Capitol grounds; the Texas Capitol
6 Vietnam Veterans Monument was dedicated on March 29, 2015, in a
7 ceremony attended by an estimated 5,000 people; and

8 WHEREAS, While we can never fully repay the immense debt of
9 gratitude owed to the men and women who served this country in the
10 Vietnam War, this monument continues to remind all who pass by of
11 their valor, patriotism, and unwavering devotion to duty; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the Vietnam veterans who are members of
15 this body and express heartfelt appreciation to all veterans who
16 served during the Vietnam War.

King of Taylor

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
Fletcher	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 3334

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3334 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House